

## REMARKS

The allowance of Claims 1, 7, 8 and 15-28 and the indication that Claims 2-6 and 9-14 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are gratefully acknowledged. Claims 2-6 and 9-14 are so amended.

Claims 29-44, which were rejected under 35 USC 102(b), are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to once again present claims directed to the subject matter of Claims 29-44 in one or more divisional applications.

The Summary of the Invention portion of the Specification is amended to delete the subject matter of canceled independent Claims 29 and 31.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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